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THEREFOR, AND HEAT TREATMENT FOR CONTAINER

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REQUEST FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION

Sir:

With reference to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of the response term, from the present term of October 1, 2004, up to a new term of January 1, 2005. The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0400 in the amount of \$1020 to cover the fee for this three-month extension, or any required fees in excess of the amount submitted, or credit any overpayment.

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